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MEDIA RELEASE

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Three Deputies injured after arrest of Sexual Assault Suspect.

At approximately 0257 hrs, Sgt. Kris Hillabrand was making contact with a vehicle at Arbor Lake parking lot, ½ mile north of N. 27th and Arbor Road. Two partially clothed females exited the vehicle telling Sgt. Hillabrand they were being sexually assaulted, the suspect was still in the vehicle and he had a knife. The suspect then exited the vehicle and ran into a field.

Additional assistance was requested, other Sheriff's deputies, Lincoln Police Officers and Nebraska State Troopers responded. Eventually, NSP's helicopter with a FLIR (forward looking infrared radar) and two LPD Canine units joined in the search. At 0514 hrs, just as the search was going to be discontinued, the helicopter, employing the FLIR spotted the suspect just south of N. 27th and Arbor Rd. He was taken into custody at that time.

The suspect, Kenneth E. Kelley II, age 19 was transported to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation. After being interviewed, Kelley was handcuffed behind his back, preparing to be lodged in jail. He began resisting arrest. As he was being subdued, he spit into the eye of Deputy Greg Goodwater, and bit Deputy Josh Clark on the inner thigh area, breaking the skin. He was then calmed down and walked to the jail. While in the jail elevator, he again started resisting, kicking the transporting deputies. Deputy Mike Morris suffered a dislocated little finger, contusions to his arm and an injury to his right shoulder. All three deputies were treated and released from Bryan/LGH West Emergency Room.

Kelley, who was not injured, was lodged in jail for the following felony crimes: 2 counts of 1st Degree Sexual Assault; 2 cts of terrorist threats; 2 cts of use of a weapon to commit a felony; 2 cts of false imprisonment; 3 cts of assault on a law enforcement officer; and one count of resisting arrest. The County Attorney's Office will file official charges after reviewing reports of the incident Monday.

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